

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SENIOR HEALTH, SECURITY AND RETIREMENT

327 House Office Building

Tuesday, 4:45 P.M.

September 19, 2006

Representative Vander Veen, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Vander Veen, Stahl, Proos, Zelenko, Clack and Vagnozzi.

Representative Proos moved, supported by **Representative Clack**, to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Green, Van Regenmorter and Polidori.

Representative Stahl moved, supported by **Representative Zelenko**, to approve the minutes of the **May 9, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid **HB 6478** before the committee.

HB 6478 Vander Veen Human services; long-term care; long-term care insurance partnership program; establish.

Representative Caswell, explained **HB 6478** to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony card in **support of HB 6478** but did not wish to speak.

Jeremiah Mankopf, representing the America Health Insurance Plans
Frank Venuto, representing the American Council of Life Insurers

Representative Vander Veen offered the followed amendments to **HB 6478**.

Representative Stahl moved, supported by **Representative Zelenko** to

1. Amend page 3, line 2, after "Medicaid." By striking out "**THE**" and inserting "**IT IS THE INTENT OF**".

2. Amend page 3, line 3, by striking out **“SHALL”** and inserting **“TO”**.
3. Amend page 4, line 24, after **“HEALTH”** by striking out **“MAY ENTER INTO”** and inserting **“SHALL PURSUE”**.
4. Amend page 4, line 27, after **“PARTNERSHIP”** by striking out **“POLICES”** and inserting **“POLICIES”**.
5. Amend page 5, line 4, after **“(4)”** by striking out **“UPON THE EXHAUSTION OF BENEFITS OR UPON”** and inserting **“UPON”**.
6. Amend page 5, line 12, after **“SERVICES”** by inserting **“OR LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES”**.
7. Amend page 6, line 2, after **“HEALTH”** by striking out **“MAY”** and inserting **“SHALL”**.
8. Amend page 6, line 2, after **“WITH”** by striking out **“A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION”** and inserting **“THE MICHIGAN MEDICARE MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”**.
9. Amend page 6, following line 4, by inserting
“(8) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP A NOTICE TO CONSUMERS DETAILING IN PLAIN LANGUAGE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF QUALIFIED STATE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP POLICIES AS THEY RELATE TO MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND SHALL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTICE. THE NOTICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN A PRINTABLE FORM ON THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES’S WEBSITE.
(9) THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES SHALL POST, ON THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES, INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL DEFICIT REDUCTION ACTION OF 2005, PUBLIC LAW 109-171, WHEN THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE BECOMES AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS.”.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Vander Veen, Stahl, Proos, Zelenko, Clack and Vagnozzi
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

Representative Proos moved, supported by **Representative Vagnozzi**, to report **HB 6478** as **substitute (H-1)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Vander Veen, Stahl, Proos, Zelenko, Clack and Vagnozzi
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 6478 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid **SB 1357** before the committee.

SB 1357 McManus Health facilities; hospitals; definition of hospital and community hospitals and related facilities; expand to include certain facilities.

Alesha Gensler, representing **Senator McManus's office**, explained **SB 1357** to the committee.

The following submitted testimony cards in support of **SB 1357** but did not wish to speak.

Dave Finkbeiner, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association
Curtis Hertel Jr., representing the State of Michigan Department of Community Health

David Finkbeiner, representing the Michigan Health & Hospital Association submitted written material in **support of SB 1357**.*

Brian Peters, representing the Michigan Health & Hospital Association submitted written material in **support of SB 1357**.*

Representative Proos moved, supported by **Representative Zelenko**, to report **SB 1357** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Vander Veen, Stahl, Proos, Zelenko, Clack and Vagnozzi,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 1357 reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, **the Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **5:05 p.m.**

Representative Vander Veen, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
September 19, 2006
20 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed material submitted.